THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) (a) 80 bids have been received for the development of small and marginal oil and gas fields in Gujarat.

(b) Gujarat State Petrochemicals Corporation Limited, an undertaking of the Government of Gujarat, has submitted 12 bids, either on its own or in consortium with other companies.

(c) No, Sir.

ONGC'S Invistigation at Vallam Pandugal (Tamil Nadu)

2933. SHRI MISA R. GANESHAN:
SHRI J.S. RAJU:
SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ONGC has conducted investigation at Vallam Pandugai in Shiyali Taluk in Tamil Nadu for Petroleum and Natural gas;

(b) if so, what are the findings of ONGC;

(c) whether this area contains lignite deposits; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken to develop this area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF THE PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Six exploratory wells namely, Chidambaram-1, Madanam-1, Komarakshi-1, Mugaiyur-1 Mugaiyur-2 and Kollidam-1 (plate-1) have been drilled in the area and all these proved dry except Madanam-1 in which a non-commercial indication of gas was obtained. The area is still under the exploration programme of ONGC.

(c) and (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Norms for appointing LPG Agency

2934. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN:
SHRI J.S. RAJU:
SHRI MISA R. GANESAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the norms followed in alloting LP Gas agencies;

(b) what is the population required for alloting LPG Agency;

(c) whether more than one agency is being appointed in case the population is double; and

(d) the name of the appointing authority of LPG Agencies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) LPG distributorships are opened at places with a population of 20,000 and above, in a phased manner, subject to product availability and economic viability.

(c) Yes Sir. It depends on the potential of the location and the product availability.

(d) LPG distributors are appointed by the three oil marketing companies, namely, Indian Oil Corporation, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation and Bharat Petroleum Corporation, on the recommendations of Oil Selection Boards.

Banning of Companies for Dealing with Ministry of Petroleum and its undertakings

2935. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:
SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY:

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHRY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of companies which are banned for dealing with Petroleum Ministry and its undertakings in its non-statutory sphere of activities during the last 3 years;

(b) what is the proccdure for banning these comapanies;

(c) whether they are issued show-cause notices before banning them;

(d) what are the number of stages of hearing through which this show-cause notices and clarifications move to and fro;

(e) the final Authority to issue a ban and supposed to satisfy themselves against notices;

(f) what is the number of disposal of show-cause cases; and

(g) what are the number of pending cases of such show-cause cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (g) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the house.

Supply of Tapti Gas to Pipavav

2936. SHRIMATI URMILABEN PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government will fulfil the commitment for supply of Tapti Gas to Pipavav for installing a power plant; and

(b) whether it is feasible to adjust production rate for Tapti gas and South Bassein Gas in a manner as to meet the commitments both for the Pipavav power plant as well as at Hazira for the HBJ pipeline?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) It has been decided to bring the gas from Mid-Tapti and South Tapti to Hazira to meet exisiting commitments ex-Hazira and along the HBJ pipline.

(b) No, Sir.

राज्यों में पेट्रोलियम उत्पादों की आवश्यकता

2937. श्रीमती चन्द्रिका अभिनन्दन जैन: क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) इस समय देश में पेट्रोलियम उत्पादों और प्राकृतिक गैस की राज्यवार आवश्यकता कितनी-कितनी है;

(ख) देश में उत्पादित पेट्रोलियम उत्पादों और प्राकृतिक गैस का ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) वर्ष 1993-94 और 1994-95 के दौरान पेट्रोलियम उत्पादों और प्राकृतिक गैस को क्रमशः कितनी-कितनी मात्रा का सरकारी क्षेत्र और गैर-सरकारी क्षेत्र में आयात किये जाने का प्रस्ताव है;

(घ) क्या देश में विदेशी कम्पनियों द्वारा तेल शोधक कारखानों और प्राकृतिक गैस संयंत्रों की स्थापना का कोई प्रस्ताव है; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा): (क) पेट्रोलियम उत्पादों की राज्यवार आवश्यकता और खपत संलग्न विवरण में है। (नीचे देखिए)

प्राकृतिक गैस की आवश्यकता की गणना परियोजनावार की जाती है न कि राज्यवार।

(ख) चालू वर्ष अर्थात् 1993-94 के दौरान देश में पेट्रोलियम पदार्थों का उत्पादन 52.9 मिलियन टन होने का अनुमान है और प्राकृतिक गैस का उत्पादन 49.57 एम एम एस सी एम डी है।

(ग) सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र को तेल कम्पनियों द्वारा वर्ष 1993-94 और 1994-95 के दौरान क्रमशः 12.9 और 15.2 मिलियन टन पेट्रोलियम उत्पादों का आयात किये जाने की संभावना है। निजी क्षेत्रों द्वारा